## A HOME FOR THE BAR.

RICHMOND ASSOCIATION PROPOSES BUYING MARSHALL RESIDENCE.

## MUNFORD'S RESOLUTION.

Will Restore Furniture, Pictures, Books-Committee Appointed to Confer with Other Associations to Achieve This End.

The Richmond Bar Association met yeserday afternoon at the headquarters of bled he organization, in the City Hall. Mr. soon forced to take shelter within doors, B. B. Munford presided, and Mr. James W. Gordon noted as secretary.

Mr. W. O. Skelton presented the report of the Executive Committee, stating that the condition of the association was very Smoker" of the association last night, The treasurer reported that after all palance to the credit of the association



THE OLD MARSHALL RESIDENCE. bers remained unpaid, about \$75 of this amount being regarded as uncollectable. NEW MEMBERS ELECTED.

The Committee on Admissions recommended the election of the following gentiemen: Messrs, John Howard, Jr., John G. Winston, Robert E. Pateman, E. M. Long, Warren H. Mercer, Cary Ellis Stern, and T. Emmett Seaton. Each gentleman was balloted for and unanimously elected.

Mr. Garland Pollard, chairman of the committee, gave notice that at the next meeting he would introduce the following,

The Committee on Admissions recom mend that each application shall state that the applicant has read the code of ethics of the association, and that he obligates himself to abide by its provisions se long as he remains a member of the

The report of this committee developed a discussion as to whether a code of sthics for the association really existed. It was found after searching the record that the association had adopted the Code of the State Bar Association, MANUSCRIPT OF MARSHALL'S AD-

DRESS. Mr. Miles Martin stated that Mrs. R. Mr. Miles Martin stated that Mrs. R. H. Gaines, a daughter of Chief-Justice last social gathering by the distinguished judges of the United States association the manuscript of one of the appellate court, and particularly of the appellate court, and particularly of the court of

reistrated Judge's addresses.

A resolution was adopted expressing the gratitude of the association, and instructing the Executive Committee to convey to Mrs. Gaines the keen apprecia-

tion of the association.

There was a lengthy discussion on the question of dues, the constitution of the ussociation being somewhat obscure, and a resolution was adopted providing that ach newly-elected member should pay the amount of the yearly subscription, regardless of the date of his admission

BUY THE MARSHALL HOUSE. At this point Mr. Munford called Mr. V. O. Skelton to the chair, and offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed from this association to as-certain and report whether it is practicertain and report whether it is practi-cable to secure the building so long occupied as a residence by Chief-Justice John Marshall, situated at the corner of Ninth and Marshall streets, in this city, with a view to its preservation from decay and change.

"Said committee are authorized to confer with eminent members of the bench and bar of this ecuntry, and with any like committees which may be appointed by other bar associations, and to submit the result of their investigations and mit the result of their investigations and conferences to some future meeting of this body with such recommendations as they may deem proper to carry forward the objects of this movement, which are, briefly stated, to secure the conveyance to trustees or to some association of the home of Chief-Justice Marshall; its prehome of Chief-Justice Marshall; its pre-servation, as near as possible, in the con-dition when occupied by him, together with the furniture books, and pictures then in use, and thus, not only to pre-serve a building of great historic inter-est, but to stimulate among the peo-ple an appreciation of the worth and work of America's greatest jurist, and one of Virginia's greatest sons." one of Virgina's greatest sons."

WHAT HIS IDEA IS.

Mr. Munford in explaining his reso lutions said they did not commit the association or bind it to make the purchase, even if it should be ascertained that the property could be secured, but he thought the movement was one which City Bar Association should in-urate. He said that with Washing-the fame of John Marshall would become greater and greater with each revolving year, and the recognition of his position as one of America's fore-most men was becoming each day more widely accepted. He wanted the house purchased and held by trustees or an association so that it might not, in the uture, be torn down to give place to tenements. He wanted the books and portraits and furniture of Chief-Justice Marshall purchased and put back in the building. He believed in this work that hey might count on the assistance of building. the State and National Bar associations, and lawyers and jurists from every part of the country. He said his idea was to make the building a rendezvous, not only for the lawyers of Richmond, but for those of other States who might visit this city. The libraries of the City and State Bar associations could be kent there, and thus this home would contribute to the interests of members in th shame upon Richmond and Virginia if, for want of a little thoughtfulness at this time, we should permit this homestead, that stands to-day just as Judge Marshall left it, to be destroyed. He said he had consulted the owners of the property, who were descendants of the Chief Justice, and felt assured there would be no difficulty in purchasing the property for the objects above named. THE SCHEME HEARTILY ENDORSED

The resolution was supported cordially, a carnest speeches by Messrs. Willis B In earnest speeches by Messrs. Willis B. Smith, Miles M. Martin, J. R. V. Daniel, and James Lyons, all of whom expressed not only great interest in the movement, but the belief that it could be carried forward to a successful issue.

of only great interest in the movement, at the keynote at the last reception of the at the belief that it could be carried profession, at our social gatherings, there was a duty which devolved upon every

author of the resolution, Mr. Munford, be made chairman of the committee, after which the resolution thus umended was unanimously adopted.
Under this resolution, the following committee was appointed: Mesars.

lawyer—the duty of good citizenship, a duty which makes man and natious great. The movement set on foot to preserve the home of the great Chief Justice was in the same line. People who are not proud of their ancestors are not worthy of being their successors. We have a heritage to preserve. It is for us to weave into a proper loop the destinles of the greatest-republic since Greece. There must be more than mere social entertainments; there must be the preservation of great traditions.

"Auid Lang Syne" and "Dixie" were then sung, after which the "smoker" was declared adjourned by the president. committee was appointed: Messrs Beverly B. Munford (chairman), William Wirt Henry Luneford L. Lewis, George L. Christian, and Joseph Bryan. The association then adjourned.

BAR ASSOCIATION "SMOKER." Richmond Lawyers Entertain Distinguished Visitors.

The Richmond Bar Association held their quarterly "smoker" at the Jefferson last night. According to the arrangements made by the Executive Committee, the celebration was to have taken place on the roof garden, but the uncertainty of the weather disconcerted the plan, and though the guests assem-

this delightful spot, they

nd adjourned to the assembly-roo The gathering was a most distinguished ne, including Judges Goff, Simonton, one, including Judges Goil, elinotos, Brawley, and Hughes, of the United States Appellate Court; Judges Keith and Riely, of the Supreme Court of Virginia, and Judges Lamb, Minor, Ingram, and aky increased, and that all arrangements had been made for the quarterly with Attorney-General Scott; United with Attorney-General Scott; United States District-Attorney Glenn, of North Carolina; United States District-Att Murphy, of South Carolina; M. A. Burke shligations had been met there was a of the Charleston Har; Mr. George look, of the Baltimore Bar, and Colonel of \$127.77, and that \$115 dues from mem- | Maury, Messrs. Rutherfoord, Regester,

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NINTH AND MARSHALL STREETS.

Tomason, Munford, Campbell, Dunlop, Waddill, H. Smith, J. G. Pollard, Hunter, Mercer, Dawson, Carter Scott, Moncure,

Lyons, Gordon, Martin, Seaton, Barrett, Daniel, Wilson, J. L. Stern, Cary Stern, Hardaway, J. L. Anderson, Skelton, Tay-

or, De Saussure, Carlton Jackson, Legh

R. Page, Florence, Chalmers, Brown, Jordon Leake, Doswell, Antrim, Mitchell,

Cox, Williams, Winston, John Howard, Jr., Grinnan, Montague, Guigon, Wynd-

ham, Meredith, and Patteson. The entertainment preserved the tradi-

tions of the association as to their un-bounded hospitality. It was, besides a feast of good things, a feast of reason,

PRESIDENT'S WORDS OF WELCOME.

Hon. B. B. Munford, the president of

the association, extended a very cor-dial welcome to those present. In a humorous vein, he said he understood

when he was elected to the honorable position of president of the Richmond Bar Association, that the office entailed

should be invited to speak on the cecasion. The Richmond Bar still cherishe

distinguished jurist, who, upon that oc-

try upon him in the expectation that this circuit was to lose an able judge and the Cabinet of Mr. McKinley would gain an

sent occasion that they would turn from a rhythm of speech to a rhythm of song, and he called upon Mr. Shepherd Webb and Mr. Eugene Clowes, who had kindly consented to render some negro melodies and other songs of the South-

Mr. Clowes then sang a number of se

lections, Mr. Webb accompanying, which were enthusiastically received.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS SPEAK.

Later, Mr. Munford called upon Dis-trict-Attorney Glenn, who, in respond-

ing, expressed the great pleasure he felt at being in Richmond for the second time. The occasion of his last visit was

to attend the unveiling of the monument

to one of the greatest soldiers the world had ever known-General Robert E. Lec.

He said that that occasion had been pe-culiarly pathetic, from an incident which

culiarly pathetic, from an incident which he related, but the present was no less impressive, for very opposite reasons. He was glad to be present, he said, because he was convinced that the attorneys were the finest and best people on earth. Judge Goff, he added, had confirmed his opinion that morning, when an argument was being submitted that a certain class of men were as good as

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lawyers and the president of the court, had, with great decision, shaken his head. Mr. Glenn told some humorous stories at the expense of the South Caro-

stories at the expense of the South Carolinians, and, as he tock his seat, Mr. Murphy, District Attorney of South Carolina, was called for. Mr. Murphy said he had come to the reception, understanding that he was not to be called upon, but being a lawyer and an Irishman, he would not confess himself unprepared. He replied very wittily to Mr. Glenn's pleasantries in a brief and

the traditions the bar had to perpetuale, and said lawyers had a right to cherish an honest pride in the past history of the bar in its relation to the history of the United States. In the upbuilding of the government, the bar of Virginia stood first, he said. The State had given to the country the immortal Chief-Jus-

stood first, he said. The state had given to the country the immortal Chief-Jus-tice Marshall, and though many may have differed from him in his construc-tion of the Constitution, all conceded

that he had made a nation out of a confederacy. He sketched, briefly, the career of the great Chief Justice, and said that he was delighted to hear that the Bar of Richmond had taken steps

towards securing Judge Marshall's home I am sure, he said, that this plous pur-

pose will meet with earnest sympathy from the bars of sister States, and of all

the States. The preservation of that building would act as a mentor to which all will turn with the honest affection of a Mohammedan to the Mecca of his

prophet.
Mr. George Whitelock, of Baltimore, was the next speaker. He said that the hospitality of the Richmond Bar made him realize that it was but a hand-shake

Judge Ingram, in the course of a very

interesting speech, said the President of the Circuit Court of Appeals had struck

and a feast of music.

of meeting.

Raleigh.

lard, Wilmington

burn, New Berne.

Kitchin, Scotland Neck.

Correspondent Arrested. HABANA, via KEY WEST, May 12 .-Admiral Nevarro signed yesterday the legal documents and records bearing on the cases of Ora Melton and William Leavitt, the American members of the Competitor's crew, and these will be forwarded to Spain on the 20th.

Eduardo Garcia, correspondent for a New York newspaper, has been arrested.

NORTH CAROLINA MASONS.

Meeting-Place.

WILMINGTON, N. C., May 12.-The

Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of

Grand High Priest-W. A. Withers,

Deputy Grand High Priest-M. S. Wil-

Grand King-W. F. Randolph, Ashe

Grand Scribe-J. D. Bullock, Wilson, Grand Treasurer-William Simpson, Ra-

Grand Secretary-H. H. Munson, Wil-

Grand Captain of Host-E. P. Bailey,

Grand Principal Sojournep-J. A. Hack-

Royal Arch Captain-John C. Drewry,

Masters of Veil-A. J. Harrell, Golds-boro'; J. R. Norflet, Winston; W. H.

Grand Tiler-R. H. Bradley, Raleigh.

Raisigh was selected as the next place

MELTON AND LEAVITT.

Their Papers Duly Signed-Another

THE CZAR'S CONDOLENCES.

His Majesty Sympathizes with Families of Paris Bazaar Victims, PARIS, May 12.-The Russian Ambasador, Baron von Mohrenheim, handed an autograph letter from the Czar to President Faure to-day, expressing his Majesty's warmest condolenes with the families of the victims of the Charity Bazaar fire of May 4th.

MOSTLY GOOD-LOOKING.

Hundreds of Irish Gids Land at New York

NEW YORK, May 12.-The White Star Line steamship Teutonic arrived to-night. Among the steerage passengers were 550 young women from Ireland. Their ages range from 18 to 25 years, and they are mostly good looking. They are going to various parts of the country.

Continent of Europe Cold. LONDON, May 12,-The Continent is suffering severely from a heavy snow-fall, frosts, and storm. In all the moun-tain districts of Austria and Germany the damage to fruit trees has been very Yesterday, a heavy snow-storm over Hamburg, Cologne, and swept over Hamburg, Cologne, and Nancy, Widespread injury has been done to the vineyards in the districts of Bordeaux, Angouleme, and Burgundy. In most of these sections the temperature this season has been 11 degrees below the avorage. no onerous duties. He was, therefore, absolved from making a speech on the occasion, and had nothing more to do than announce the various numbers of the programme. The Executive Committee, he added, decided that no one should be availed.

North Carolina Dental Society.

of Charleston. Dr. Bland, of Charleston, delivered an address relating to the rapid progress of late years in dental surgery. President Wyche, of Greensboro', also delivered an address.

Petition for Pardon of Durrant.

Cabinet of Mr. McKinley would gain an Attorney-General, had made so clear a statement of his intentions in that respect. The bar cherished, also, the cordial expressions of affection from North Carolina, voiced upon that occasion by another able jurist. The Executive Committee had determined upon this premittee had determined upon this premittee had been been sent to the control of the control SACRAMENTO, CAL., May 12.-Gov. ernor Budd to-day received a formal pe-tition for the pardon of Theodore Durrant, awaiting execution at San Quentin prison for the murder of Minnie Wilams and Blanche Lamont. The petition will be heard by Governor Budd Friday,

Personals and Briefs.

Mr. Joseph Stumpf is quite sick at his

Mr. E. B. Thaw has returned from a rip to Philadelphia.

Mr. John M. Higgins has returned from two weeks' trip to New York.

Miss Virginia Cocke, of Lower Bremo, s visiting Miss Courtney Bridges. Dr. S. Galeski, secretary of the Progressive Endowment Guild, left yester-day for a short business trip north.

Mrs. Charles T. Davis, of 218 east Franklin street, who has been quite sick

for three weeks, is now convalescent. Rev. W. E. Robertson, formerly of Chase City, Va., now of Baltimore, is in the city on his return from Wilmington,

In the ticket contest given by the Grays' Pleasure Club, Miss Anna Otto won the prize, which has been presented to her.

Mr. Julian Mitchell, of Fulton, who had an arm crushed at the Cedar-Works on Monday, is doing as well as could be ex-

The young ladies of the Woman's College will give an entertainment at Grove-Avenue Baptist church on Friday evening jext at 8:15 o'clock.

Mr. W. T. Ford, of No. 1809 west Main street, who had his arm amputated at the Retreat Tuesday evening, is doing as well as could be expected.

Mrs. M. A. McGinley, of Portsmouth, Va., is in the city. She comes to attend her brother, Mr. Charles D. Huxter, who is very ill at his residence near

prepared. He replied very wittily to Mr. Glenn's pleasantries in a brief and happy speech. Judge Wellford was next called for, and in response, he said: "I would much prefer to keep my seat, for I have such a warm appreciation of the high duties that devolve upon the legal profession, the foundation, the support, and sustenance of our institutions, I have so remoth sympathy with the sentlehave so much sympathy with the gentle-men of the bar that when called upon to speak I feel inadequate to express anything commensurate, except that which comes con amore." He spoke of the traditions the bar had to perpetuate, The funeral of Mrs. Caroline H. Kein ingham, who died yesterday in Ashland, will take place from Elba Station upon the arrival of the remains to-morrow morning, at \$:20 o'clock.

Richmonders in New York, NEW YORK, May 12.—(Special.)—W. R. Trigg, Waldorf; L. Todd, Astor; J. W. Hopkins, Grand; E. D. Hotchkiss,

The Celebration at Jamestown.

The Pocahontas will leave her dock for Jamestown at \$30 o'clock this morning, with more than a thousand pligrims on board. Excursions will arrive early from Leveral outlying points, and will be transferred to the steamer.

The annual celebration will be particularly interesting. The programme will be as follows:

Salutatory in Letin—R. H. Tucker, A.

Salutatory in Latin-R. H. Tucker, A. of Danville.

B. of Danville.
Genesis of the Colony—L. R. Warren,
A. B. of Williamsburg.
Establishment of the Colony—J. H.
Parker, L. I. of Portsmouth,
Government of the Colony—J. M.
White of Charlotte.
Poem—By Mr. Rosewell Page, of
Richmond.

A Richmond Composer Complimented Mr. Emil Mollenhauer, the conductor of the Boston Festival Orchestra, has written to Mr. F. C. Hahr highly commonding the minuet composed by the latter gentieman. Mr. Mollenhauer says it is a sterling work, and asks that the score and parts shall be sent to him, so that he may play it at some of the concerts for which the festival orchestra is engaged.

THE TENNESSEE EX.

UNVEILING OF A BUST OF JOHN W. THOMAS.

Red Men Celebration-Sham Battle-State Medical Society-Knights of Pythins-Wolverine State Press As-

NASHVILLE, TENN., May 12 .- In the presence of a large attendance, there Election of Officers-Raleigh Next was unveiled in the Terminal railroad building at the Exposition this afternoon a bust of President John W. Thomas, of the Nashville, Chattanooga, North Carolina, elected officers to-day as and St. Louis rallroad. John C. Kennedy made a brief speech, and President Thomas, visibly affected, responded briefly. The statue is an excellent one, and was presented by the officers of the road longest in its service. The Red-Men from Atlanta, Chattanooga, and all points on the line attended.

The Red-Men and three companies of the State National Guard engaged in a sham-battle to-day on the military field, representing the Custer massacre. This feature of the Improved Order of Red-Men's celebration drew a large attend-

ance, and was immensely enjoyed.

To-night the fireworks were prepared, so as to be in keeping with the Red-Men's celebration. The presence, in the city of the delegates to the State Medical Society's convention, and the annual meeting of the Knights of Pythias, as meeting of the Knights of Pythias, as well as the Red-Men's celebration, have increased the number of visitors great-ly, and to-night the first organization from another State, the Wolverine State Press Association, arrived, several bundred in all, to remain several days.

The Exposition's Executive Committee has invited the delegates to the Interna-tional Postal Congress to attend the Exposition, and also the National Farmers' Press Association.

### Diary of an Office-Seeker. (Washington Post.)

March 2-Just arrived. Washington a nice town. Wonder if it wouldn't be as well to stay here as to go abroad?

March 4-Saw Major McKinley inaugurated. We folks who nominated him will be all right now. Think I had better take an assistant secretaryship. The administration wants good men who know something about politics. Besides, I am

getting to like Washington.

March 8-Big crowd at the White House.

They ought to give the President time to settle himself. Have sold my excursion hat comes in well, as long as the surface ticket and will stay awhile. Too many is evenly covered. As the chalk adheres

March 11-Shook hands with the President in the East Room, and told him I would call on a matter of business in a few days. He seemed pleased.

wanted, and said: "Better go for ing in reach." Maybe an auditorsomething in reach." ship would be the thing.

March 23 .- Took my papers to the White House to-day. Thought I'd wait and have a private talk with the President, but Secretary Porter said I'd have to go along with the rest. What an ill-man-nered set they were. Elbowed me right along just because they saw the President wanted to talk with me. Will have to go back and finish our conversation. March 27-Got some more money from

March 29-Went to the White House, but the chap at Porter's door wouldn't let me in. Said it was after hours. He

April 3-Saw Mark Hanna after waiting five hours. Asked him why my letter had not been answered. He said he was getting 400 a day and his secretaries

of my services to the party he replied, "Gh, yes," and for me to file my papers in the State Department. Said he had many good friends in Indiana, and hoped they would be patient. Can he have forthat I am not from Indiana? Shameful the way the Senate is acting. April 7-Borrowed a little more mone Washington is an expensive town to live

April 11-Senator X, says all the auditorships were mortgaged before the elec-tion, but he will indorse me for a specia agency or a chief clerkship, if I can find one that isn't under the civil-service law.

April 12-D-n the civil-service law. April 17-Didn't know there was so many good positions abroad. Ought to have gone for one of them in the first place. That State Department list is a great thing. Think I'll start with Ant-werp and check off a few which will suit Wonder where I can negotiate a

April 19-Got in to see the President and told him I could best serve the adminis-tration and the party abroad. He said, "Oh, yes," and to file my papers in the Post-Office Department, and he hoped his friends in Massachusetts would be patient. What made him think I was from Massachusetts? I suppose he gets

mixed sometimes.

April 20—Senator X says there is one chance in a million of getting a consulate but if I will concentrate on Ztown, he and the delegation will do what they can. Salary, \$1,000; fees, \$87.

April 21—Have concentrated on Ztown. Got in the line to-day just for a moment to tell the President it would suit me. He said, "Oh, yes," and to file my papers in the Treasury Department, and he hoped

his friends in Minnesota would be patient till he could get around to them. Queer he should think I was from Minnesota. April 25-The ingratitude of the man McKinley! He has nominated Jones for Consul to Ztown, when he knew I had concentrated on it. After my services to April 27-I am going home. Senator X has got me a pass. Will send for my has got me a pass. Will send for my trunk later. I tremble for the future of this administration.

### Australia's Ambition. (Atlanta Constitution.)

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Although it is generally supposed that Canada is commercially the most important Colony of Great Britain, this distinction really belongs to Australia.

The error into which most people fall with respect to these two Colonial empires is a natural one. Canada's population is 5,225,600, while Australia has only 3,200,600 and, without going any farther, it would seem as if Canada had decidedly the advantage. In spite of this marked difference in population, however, the commerce of Australia is valued at \$114,837,000 annually, while that of Canada is 837,000 annually, while that of Canada is

\$27,000 annually, while that of Canada is valued at only \$48,609,000.

Moreover, Australia has grown at a much more rapid rate than Canada. In 1840 the population of the latter country was 1,650,000, or one-third less than it is at the present time. The population of Australia in 1850 was only 200,000, and yet to day it is more than half. and yet to-day it is more than half as much as that of Canada. much as that of Canada.

But the progress of Australia is emphasized in a political as well as in a commercial direction. For some time past there has been a movement on the

past there has been a movement on the part of several of the Australian Colonies to bring about a Colonial federation. like the one existing in Canada; and to this end delegates have been selected from New South Wales. Victoria, South Australia. West Australia, and Tasmania. Queensland is the only Australian Colony which has not signified a desire to enter the proposed federation.

On the 29th of this month a convention will be held at Sidney and articles of federation will be adopted and other preliminary matters arranged. The plan of government which has been discussed presents a curious mixture of American and British systems. There will be a

house of parliament composed of two branches-viz, a Senate and house of representatives. Each State will be entitled to eight senators, while the basis of representation in the lower house will be one to every 20,000 inhabitants. Of course, this plan of government has not been fixed upon as yet. At the approaching convention it will be thoroughly discussed and numerous alterations will doubtless be made before it is finally adopted. As to the union of the Colonies under some democratic plan of federation there exists no doubt, and the formation of such a union is simply a matnation of such a union is simply a mat-

ter of time. When the federation becomes a reality Queensland will no doubt become a mem-ber of the sisterhood and also the island of New Zealand in the Pacific Ocean. New Zealand has been asked to send delegates to the approaching convention, but on account of the island's remote dis-tance from Australia the invitation has tance from Australia the invitation has not been accepted. Over 1.200 miles intervene between New Zealand and the Australian continent, but as soon as some definite plan of federation is agreed upon the island in self-defence will be obliged to join hands with the Australian Colonies. The result of the approaching convention will be awaited with keen interest on both sides of the Atlantic.

### Preparing the Floor for a Children's Dance.

There is perhaps no greater treat for the little ones than a children's party; and where that festival includes a little dancing it is doubly enjoyable to those of the guests who, though still in their teens, are yet not old enough to be invited to grown-up functions. But to the hostess the prospect of the energetic dancing of some score of active feet is not always one of unmixed is doubly enjoyable pleasure. If her treasured drawing-room carpet is not taken up she knows it will suffer terr bly from the night's fun. The hire of a bail-cloth is an expensive matter, and to have the floor prepared by professional hands costs more still. Here is a way out of the difficulty. Polish the floor yourself, with the aid o as many amateur assistants as you can recruit for the purpose. It is really not a difficult thing to do-it takes time, care, and some amount of "elbow grease," but it demands little skill, and I have seen many a perfect floor prepared by tyros at the task.

Having taken up your carpet sweep the boards thoroughly, going over them once or twice, until every trace of dust is re-moved. Next, take a lump of bees-wax, or, what answers equally well, an old-fashioned wax candle or two, and rub the floor all over. The friction will melt the wax enough to leave a coating on the boards as you progress, and this coat-ing should be distributed as evenly as possible. Now dredge a bit of the floor, say a square yard, with powdered-chalk— an old, tin dredger does for an old, tin dredger does for the pur-pose-and then rub the surface with a piece of smooth, flat wood, covered even-ly and tightly with felt—an old, disused people make a hotel uncomfortable. Have found a good boarding-house.

March 11—Shook hands with the President of the floor at a good boarding-house. time, and taking care that each portion done merges nicely into the next.

March 15—Went to the Capitol and found Senator X. He was sour. Said the whole State was here chasing him. Asked me what I wanted, and said: "Retter or for the next process is to said the mark that I wanted and said: "Retter or for the next process is to said the whole what I wanted, and said: "Retter or for the next process is to said the mark that I wanted the next process is to said the next process in the next process is to said the next proce same French chalk, rubbing smoothly and evenly with the flat side of the cake and taking care not to scratch the sur face with any of its corners or This will leave a certain amount of chalkdust, which must be swept off with a soft broom; and, this done, your guests will have no fault to find with your floor. The two secrets of the process are-first, to lay on a good coating of wax, not a mere smear here and there; the second, to rub in chalk smoothly, but with siderable pressure at first, reducing this, and applying the felt-covered wood more lightly as the surface comes.

(Washington Times.)

Scientists have long speculated concerning the lost continent Atlantis. It is com would catch up some time next year. I he size of North America, which is always thought Hanna was overesting a continent under several niles of search several ages of lost history. paratively easy to discover a continent CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 12—The State
Dental Society opened its annual convention here to-day. The address of welcome was delivered by C. W. Tillett.

aways thought Hanna was overestimated. Now I Hanna was overestimated in a continent under several miles of sea water and several ages of lost history, that is what might be called a truly stupendous task. But this lost continent has been located in the Anarctic regions, be tween Australia and Patagonia. sor H. O. Forbes suspected this to be the and brought forward various arguments to prove his hypothesis; but it remained a hypothesis, and nothing more definite, till recently.

It was a rat that cleared up this mystery. And it was not a very large rat, either: in fact, it was not a rat at all, strictly speaking. It was discovered by an amateur naturalist, who was hunting in South America, near Bogota. It was called the raton runcho, or opossum rat. called the raton runcho, or opossum rat, by the natives, and when captured was found to be a tiny marsupial, a distant cousin of the opossum and the kangaroo, especially the kangaroo. The little beast is, in fact, a miniature kangaroo, and came across the lost Atlantis from Australia to South America. Then his bridge dropped below the surface of the ocean, and he had to stay in South America.

The theory advanced by Professor Ly-dekker, one of the acknowledged authori-ties of the geographical distribution of animals, is a curious one. He thinks that the marsupial tribes originated some-where in Asia; that, like Noah's three sons and their families, their three tribes separated unknown ages ago, and on tribe moved west to the west coast of Eu rope, becoming extinct; another crossed Asia to the northward, reaching Bering Strait, and emigrated to North America, to become the ancestors of the 'possum; while the third tribe travelled across what are now the Malayan Islands, but were then a part of the Asiatic continent, and then a part of the Asiatic continent, and finally gathered in Australia. A part of this tribe continued their journey, it now appears, to South America; while, as Australia was cut off from other lands and from the larger animals which haunt the centre of the continents, she developed her own special fauna, and the opossumblike marsupial waxed great and became the kangaroo. It is a curious story, and all the more curious because it must be spelled out from dead rocks and dumb creatures, without written records. But it creatures, without written records. But it is true, as queer things so often are; and the small opossum rat has revealed to scientific investigation a new continent.

### Abolishing Commencement Exercines.

(Raleigh News and Observer.) The State Female Normal School a Farmville has adopted an innovation which is variously commented on by the press. Commencement exercises have been dispensed with. We have seen no statement from the school assigning reasons for the change, but the public seems to have concluded it was in order to spare poor parents the expense of buying graduating dresses for their daughters. Many poor girls attend the school, and all who attend go there strictly for businessnamely, to acquire a practical education to enable them to enter life's battles with some preparations.—Staunton News.

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Now, with all due respect to these young women, if they are thinking "only of entering life's battle," why do they care so much as to the expensiveness and finery of their dress at commencement?

Then, begging pardon again, a woman's battle of life is almost necessarily a battle of life built for two, and the fellow who helps her hold the fort is in not a few instances one who saw her first in her commencement gown. This gingham-dress preparation for a typewriting immortality may sound well in Fermville at this writing, but does anybody suppose the old folks are going to be parties to any such arrangement?

And, begging pardon again, it was no less than tough in Shakespeare to remark (and we have a right to differ with him): "Our daughters must be wives, and to be wives must be what men will choose; man's taste is woman's test." Might as well say that a dash of cologne is necessary to the fragrance of a rose as to say that fol de rol finery is necessary to the fragrance of a rose as to say that fol de rol finery is necessary to the fragrance of a rose as to say that fol de rol finery is necessary to the beauty of a college girl. There are instances in this State (on especially) where young women don't have any dads to give them clothes; they get them themselves out of their own labor, but when they come, out on the commencement platform in their light, white, soft stuff.

cheap and simple, too, they have aiready wen the Manassas of life. Summer stuffs are cheap, and young won the Manassas of life.

Summer stuffs are cheap, and young women can get themselves up at less cost than their brother under the McKinley woollen schedule. If this movement is to be encouraged let the brothers make the sacrifice. They can wear 14 Kentucky, Joe Blackburn, suits with base-ball shoes—they all have them—and look better than they may look in after life, when they run up against hard luck. But as for Farmville, her girls shall have a commencement, even if every man in Prince Edward county has to pledge himself to remain away. Now, then, girls, if you are in for business and for the battle of life straight, wear your old work—day dresses at commencement, and put on the door: "For Women Only."

A school for girls without commencement would be an odorless flower.

Daniel Webster to John Taylor.

(New Orleans Picayune.)
The following letter was, written by Mr.
Webster, while deeply engrossed in the
weightiest affairs of State, to his farmer
at Franklin, N. H.:

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Washington, March 13, 1852.

John Taylor: I am glad to hear from you again, and to learn that you are all well, and that your teams and tools are ready for spring work, whenever the weather will allow you to beain.

I sometimes read books on farming, and I remember that a very sensible old author advises farmers to "plough naked and to sow naked." By this he means there is no use in beginning spring work till the weather is warm; that a farmer may throw aside his winter clothes and roll up his sleeves.

Yet, he says he ought to begin as early in the year as possible. He wrote some very pretty verses on this subject, which, as far as I remember, run thus:

"While yet the spring is young, while

"While yet the spring is young, while earth unbinds The frozen bosom to the western winds. While mountain snows dissolve against

the sun,
And streams yet new from precipices run,
E'en in this early dawning of the year.
Produce the plow and yoke the sturdy

And good him till he smoke beneath his And the bright share is buried in the soil. And the bright share is buried in the soil."

John Taylor, when you read these lines, do you not see the snow melting and the little streams beginning to run down the southern slopes of your Punch-brook pasture, and the new grass starting and growing in the trickling water, all green, bright, and beautiful? And do you not see your Durham oxen smoking from heat and perspiration as they draw along your great breaking-up plow, cutting and turning over the tough sward in your meadow in the great field?

The name of this sensible author is Virgil, and he gives farmers much other advice, some of which you have been following all this winter without even knowing that he had given it:

"But when cold weather, heavy snows,

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The laboring farmer in his house restrain,
Let him forecast his work, with timely

care. Which else is huddled when the skies are Which else is huddled when the skies are fair;
Then let him mark the sheep and whet the shining share.
Or hollow trees for boats, or number o'er His sacks or measure his increasing store, Or sharpen stakes and mend each rake and fork.
So to be ready in good time to work; Visit his crowded barns at early morn, Look to his granary and shell his corn; Give a good breakfast to his numerous kine.

His shivering poultry and his fattening swine." And Mr. Virgil says some other things, which you understand up at Franklin as well as he ever did:

"In chilling winter swains enjoy their store. Forget their hardships and recruit for more;
The farmer to full feasts invites his friends,
And what he got with pain, with pleasure

spends; Draws chairs around the fire and tells once more Stories which often have been told before; Spreads a clean table with things good to

eat, And adds some moistening to his fruit and meat; They praise his hospitality, and feel They shall sleep better after such a meal."

John Taylor, by the time you have got through this you will have read enough. The sum of all is, be ready for your spring work as soon as the weather becomes warm enough, and then put your hand to the plow and look not back.

DANIEL WEBSTER.

Civil-Service Reformers. NEW YORK, May 12 .- The annual meeting of the Civil Service Reform Association was held here to-night. The fol-Charles Schurz; Charles Choate, Dorman B. Eaton, Edwin L. Godkin, D. Willis, James A. R. Me Donough, Osweld Ottendorfer, Theodore Roosevelt, and Oscar S. Strauss; Secretary, George McAnerny; Treasurer, A. S.

Jellico Conl-Men Combine. KNOXVILLE, TENN., May 12.—At Jellico to-day the coal operators terminated their conference, and announced that all the companies had gone into one hig combine, and would hereafter buy all the output of the Jellico District. Russell Adams Clapp, of Knoxville, was elected president of the new company. Miners and operators will meet soon to fix the scale of wages for the next year.

Bicycles Go as Baggage. The Passenger Committee of the Trunk Line Association, in session in New York Tresday, decided to accept bicycles as personal baggage between States, but not between Canada and the United States. Between these points wheels will have to be checked and paid for as regular

### baggage. Electric Brevitles.

Saratoga, N. Y .- Isaac Clute, ex-chainoion checker-player of the United States, Hed; aged 75 years.

Washington.-The President nominated Brigadier-General James W. Forsyth to be major-general. Somerville, N. J.-Elmer Clawson, 19 years old, was hanged for the murder of

Washington.-The Senate, in executive session, confirmed the nomination of Cornelius Vancott to be postmaster at

Harry Hodgett, a farmer, on August 29th

Lima, Peru.-New gold mines have been discovered in the province of Carabaya, department of Puno. It is believed they will yield largely. . Washington.-Senator Pettigrew rein-

troduced his anti-trust amendment to the tariff bill, changing the wording so as to make its operation more certain and ef-Lima, Peru.-The Bank of Peru, Lon don, has formed a union with the Bank of Callao and the London Bank of Mexi-

co. and will begin business under the new arrangement on June 1st. Habana.-Captain-General Weyler has left Sancti Spiritus, province of Santa Ciara, and has arrived at Arroyo Bianco. It is officially stated that Sote Ponce, an insurgent leader, has been engaged to guide a column of Spanish troops to Gar-

rellano. St. Johns. N. F.-The crew of the French vessel St. Jean believe that the Norwegian bark Loining, which collided with the St. Jean on the Grand Banks during a fog on the night of May 6th, sank within a few hours after the collision, with all hands.

Leona Victims Buried. NEW YORK. May 12.—The bodles of the twelve unidentified victims of the Leona fire were interred to-day in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, the Mallory Steamship Company defraying the expenses of the burial. The inquest was not held to-day, thirteen of the passengers whom the Coroner intended to subpoena as witnesses having left for Galveston.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Solicitor-of-Internal-Revenue Hough, of Ohlo, has re-signed, the resignation being tendered to the President to-dey. It was supposed that National-Committeeman J. H. Boyd, of North Carolins, would get this place, but by a recent change it has been de-cided that he should be appointed an assistant attorney-general.

Orders for printing sent to the Dispatch Company will be given prompt attention, and the style of work and print will be

# IN NORTH CAROLINA

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

Life-Insurance Flaures-Tuberculos als at the State Experiment Farms Butler and the Asylum Cases-Personal and General Notes.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 12.-(Special.)-The annual report by the Secretary of State is out, containing the life-insurance business done in 1896 in North Carolina. The risks written were \$17,255,296; premium receipts, \$1,388,291; losses, \$671,973.

At the State Experiment farm eight cows have been killed out of the herd of twenty. Dr. Melvin, of Washington, is the government expert, who made the examination for tuberculosis. He made post-mortems also. In two cases the cows were found not to be affected. No milk was sold from this herd save Pasteurized cream. Four of the cows were promptly killed, though, Dr. Melvin suggested that they be kept a month, and a second test made before they were condemned. All the animals killed save the two found uninfected were disinfected and deeply buried in lime. . The superintendent of the farm says there is probably not a herd of cattle in the State without tuberculosis, and he adds that it is important for herd-owners to

make voluntary tests.

The State Pharmaceutical Association met in Odd-Fellows' Hall here this moramet in Odd-Fellows Hall nere this moreing. Augustus Bradley, of Burlington, presiding, and H. R. Horne, of Fayetteville, being secretary. Of its 150 members, about sixty are in attendance. Rev. W. C. Norman offered the opening prayer; Mayor Russ made a speech of welcome, and John P. Stedman, of Oxford Payed. The presponse. President ford, made the response. President Bradley delivered the annual address. FINE RAINS.

Fine rains fell last evening, and there s marked benefit to crops.

The negroes at New Berne are raising Governor Russell quite a row because Governor Russell appointed five white councilmen for that city, to represent a big negro majority. There is in a quiet way, a good deal of feeling among the negroes against Gover-

nor Russell.

Senator Butler, in his paper to-day, has a signed editorial, in which he says the unanimous decision of the Supreme Court that the present officials of the nsane asylums could not be very gratifying, is devoid of party bias, and must be accepted without cavil. Then he says Governor Russell made the most serious mistake of his administration when he gave way to the of those who would make a political foot-ball of the educational and charitable institutions of the State-a mistake not only against political policy, but also against the best interests of his party.

IMPORTANT DECISION. The decision of the Supreme Court relative to the taxation to meet interest on city and town bonds is of much importcity and town bonds is of ance. It is that no municipal corporation has the authority to levy any tax to pay interest on bonds regularly issued, unless authority to levy the tax has been conferred by a vote of the people.

Dr. McGrachey, assistant physician of the insane asylum here, will remain until June, by request of the directors. Dr. Falson, who is succeeded by Dr. Davis as first assistant, will locate at Bennetts-ville, S. C.

To-day an order was received from Judge Simonton, of the Circuit Court, allowing W. R. Tucker, of this city, to amend his bill of complaint against Govville, S. C. ernor Russes in the matter of the At-lantic and North Carolina railway, so that the bill will set forth that President

Hancock, of the road, obtained on in-junction in the Superior Court of Craven lo permit a meeting of the vate stockholders in April, and that this injunction is now operative.

There was also received at the office of the Clerk of the Federal Court here to-day a prayer for a removal to that court of the case now in Bladen Superior Court, in which the grand jury indicted J. C. Parrish, deputy marshed, for kill-ing Barnum L. Jones, the notorious moonshiner and outlaw, while Jones was at-It seems strange that any

of his posse. It seems strange that any indictment should have been made in a case in which killing was so entirely justifiable. The prayer is also for habeas corpus, for cause.

EPISCOPAL CONVENTION. The Episcopal Convention of the Diocese of North Carolina met at 3 o'clock this morning in the Church of the Good Shepherd, here. At 10 o'clock it was regularly called to order, after morning grayer. Rev. Dr. Marshall, of Raleigh, prayer. Rev. Dr. Marshall, of Raleigh, will be the president. Rev. J. N. Mc-Cormick, of Atlanta, preaches the an-nual sermon at Christ church Sunday

There are to-day 212 convicts in the penitentiary wal's.
The State granted charters to-day to the Turkey Knob Corundum Company, of Jackson county, and the Morron Bro-

thers & Heath Company, of Stanley.

About Newspaper Headlines. (Charleston News and Courier.) An esteemed correspondent writing to the News and Courier from Peck's Station, S. C., asks:

"Is it, or is it not, customary for editors of newspapers to reserve to themselves of newspapers to reserve to themselves the right to dictate the headlines of letters sent them for publication?"

It is not a matter of dictation—it is a matter of right. The writing of headlines is editorial work, as much as the writing of cultorial articles. Men are employed on all newspapers to do this kind of work. Some of them are expert in the business, and the more competent they are the is editorial work, as much as the writing of editorial articles. Men are employed on all newspapers to do this kind of work. Some of them are expert in the business, and the more competent they are the more attractive their work. They should possess accurate knowledge of the leading questions of the day, the position of parties touching the questions which the correspondents discuss, or the dispatches cover, and the mechanical requirements of the columns for which they write the headines. They must also consider the effect of the headines upon the matter presented to the public, and have a care as to the application of the law of hied to what is contained, not only in the headines, but also in the body of the article. Headlines should be purely descriptive or minury expostulatory, or severely critical, or, on rare occasions, bodity denunciatory. When correspondents write their own headlines, and such negatines are unobjectionable, or will not take up more room than the line of type in which they are set will hold, they will be used by most newspapers. But the writing of headlines is onquestionably the right and prerogative of the newspapers.

Several years ago the point was made by a rather tractious correspondent of the News and Courier that it was an ususual thing for a newspaper to reserve the right to prepare its own headlines. The question was referred to the editors of the New York Times, Herald, and World, and all of whom replied that, of course, newspaper should make their own headlines, and that they were supprised that any one should question their right to do so. The letters published in newspapers contain what the correspondents say; the headlines of these letters contain the impressions which the letters make upon the headline is written which justiy gives offence; but when the vast mass of matter that is published from day to day is considered, and the hundreds of headlines that have to be written, and the thousands of people that have to be pleased, it is a daily miracle that greater industice is